

Tests Show Steers Right On Target

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Results just tabulated from steer feeding tests in Kansas, Virginia, and Ohio show that Polled Hereford and Polled Hereford-cross cattle meet and exceed industry standards for efficiency and carcass quality. Sixty breeders consigned steers to the tests.

Steers fed at D&D Feedlot, Urbana, Ohio, racked up an average lean value per day of age of \$2.15. Top owner groups and sire groups posted yield grades of 2.0 to 2.6. Ribeye area/cwt. in the leading groups ranged from 1.137 to 1.05 sq. in., and the leading average daily gains ranged from 4.6 to 3.6 lb. Every steer in the top groups graded Choice.

At the Kansas National Test, held at MidAmerica Feedyard, Great Bend, Kan., top pens ranged from 2.16 to 2.66 on yield grade; 1.20 to 1.12 for ribeye area/cwt.; 4.21 to 3.76 for average daily gain, with all top groups landing in the Choice quality grade.

In the test conducted at Horseshoe Farm, Rapidan, Va., the retained ownership program test posted costs of gain from \$0.46 to \$0.47 for the leaders, with average daily gains for top individuals ranged from 3.93 to 3.73 lb. More than 90 percent of the steers tested were Yield Grade 2 and 3, with 66 percent grading Choice.

"Our breeders are encouraged to document and prove how their cattle feed," said Dr. John Hough, American Polled Hereford Association vice president for educa-

tion and research. "The top calves in each of these tests would be the envy of most breeders and feeders."

Plans are under way for the next series of tests. For more information, contact the APHA Education and Research Department, 11020 NW Ambassador Dr., Kansas City, MO 64153-2034, (816) 891-8400.

Top Crawford DHIA Cows By Protein

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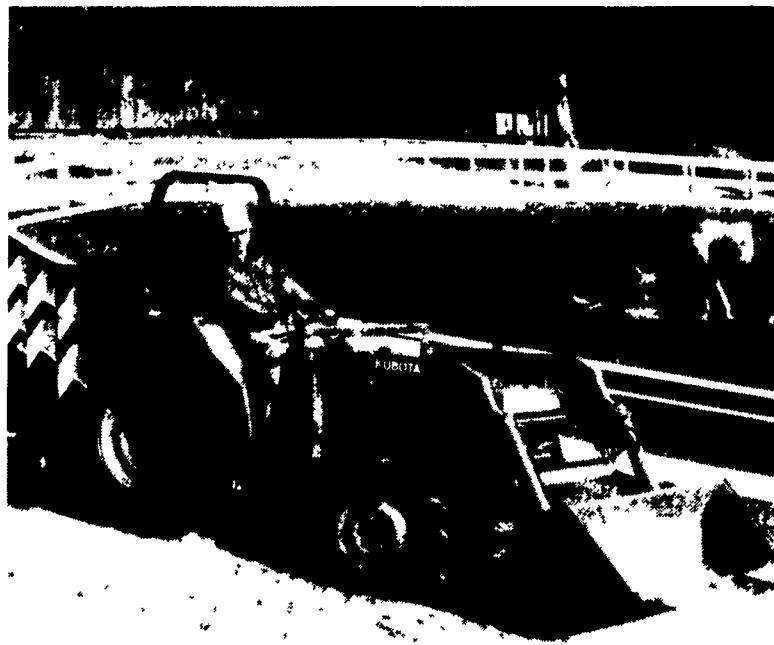
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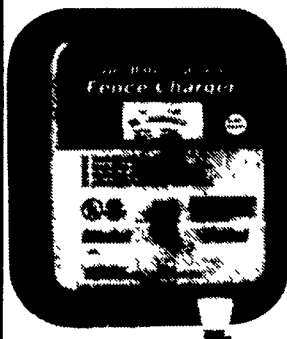
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